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The Story Thus Far...

This is the tale of the Vampire King Duzell and his quest for revenge against the good King Phellos, a valiant warrior who slew the vampire a century ago. Now Duzell has returned, reincarnated as a feline foe to deliver woe to... well, that's the problem. Who is the reincarnation of King Phellos?

Duzell thinks he knows, but he's not talking. Could it be Yujinn, the prince of Zi Aida who has been moonlighting as Princess Ishtar's magic instructor? Or Lassen, the vile-and recently defeated-ruler of Mil Sell? What about Illsaida, the powerful heir to the Ci Xeneth throne who also happens to be part monster? The truth is that it could be any of these, and if Duzell intends to see his mission through, the ramifications will be felt throughout the entire kingdom.

Or rather, they WOULD be if the entire kingdom wasn't about to erupt into civil war. Bitter over his humiliating defeat at the hands of Ishtar and Darres, Lassen continues to dispute Darres' claim to the Phellostan throne, and is willing to go to war against the House of Phellos to prevent it. He's resurrected the Vampire Sharlen and has been rallying supporters to his cause, and bit by bit, has begun tearing the kingdom in two.

Lassen's timing is ideal. Yujinn, Vord and Illsaida have been busy looking for a spell that could awaken the enchanted Falan, only to find their efforts were unnecessary-the Lady Falan has awoken on her own. But is she free of Sharlen's spell, or merely entering a new stage of it? And why would Princess Ishtar choose now of all times to travel to Ci Xeneth, Razenia and La Naan?

吸血遊戯
王都篇
Act.6
I'VE TAKEN A FINE-TOOTHED COMB TO THE ROYAL LIBRARY OF MAGIC.
AND I'M STILL NOT A LICK CLOSER TO BREAKING FALAN'S SPELL
AND WHAT'S WEIRDER...
I'VE BEEN IN RAZENIA A WEEK NOW.
...IS THAT DEAR OLD DAD... MY FATHER... THE KING... HASN'T ASKED TO SEE ME.
BUT WOULDN'T THAT MAKE HIM WANT TO MEET ME THAT MUCH MORE? AS IT STANDS, HE DOESN'T HAVE AN HEIR.
I KNOW HE'S NOT FEELING SO HOT.
WHAT AM I THINKING? IT'S NOT LIKE I'D AGREE TO SEE HIM ANYWAY.

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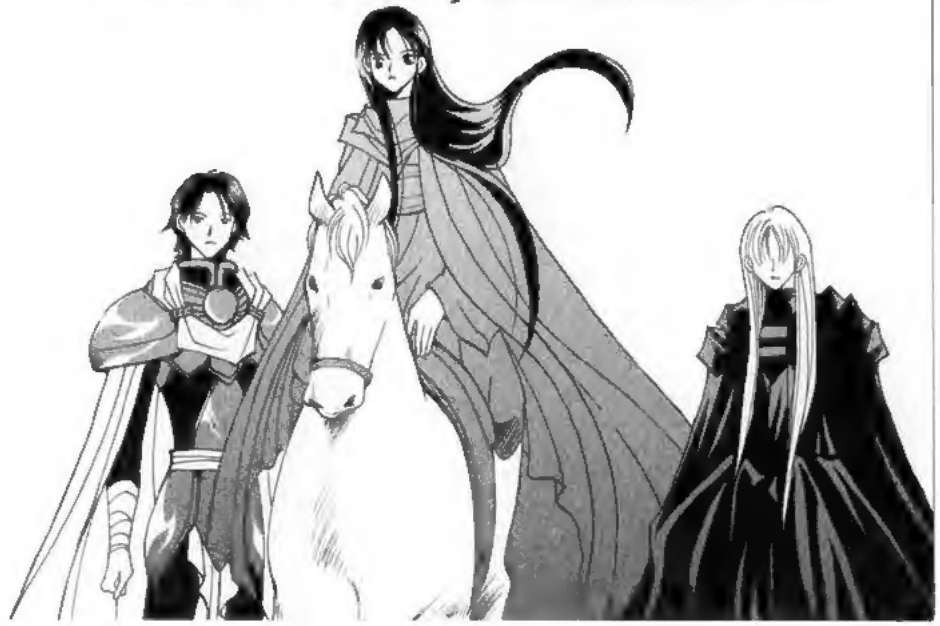

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ON YOUR ADVICE...
...I DIDN'T LET THE KING KNOW THAT PRINCE VORD WAS HERE.
BUT WHAT IF PRINCE VORD DOESN'T REACH OUT TO HIS MAJESTY?
THE KING BELIEVED OUR OLD LEGEND...
...THAT THE YOUNGER OF A PAIR OF A TWINS WILL BE FOREVER SHROUDED IN DARKNESS.
AFTER HIS FATHER AND HIS COUNTRY ABANDONED HIM...
...HOW CAN WE ASK PRINCE VORD TO BECOME THE HEIR TO THE THRONE?
IT'S A HARD SELL, I ADMIT. BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE.

THE SPELL ON PRINCESS FALAN HAS BEEN BROKEN. SHE'S AWAKE.
REALLY? THAT'S GREAT!
NOW, THERE'S NO REASON FOR PRINCE VORD TO STAY HERE.
NO IT ISN'T! THINK A LITTLE FOR ONCE!

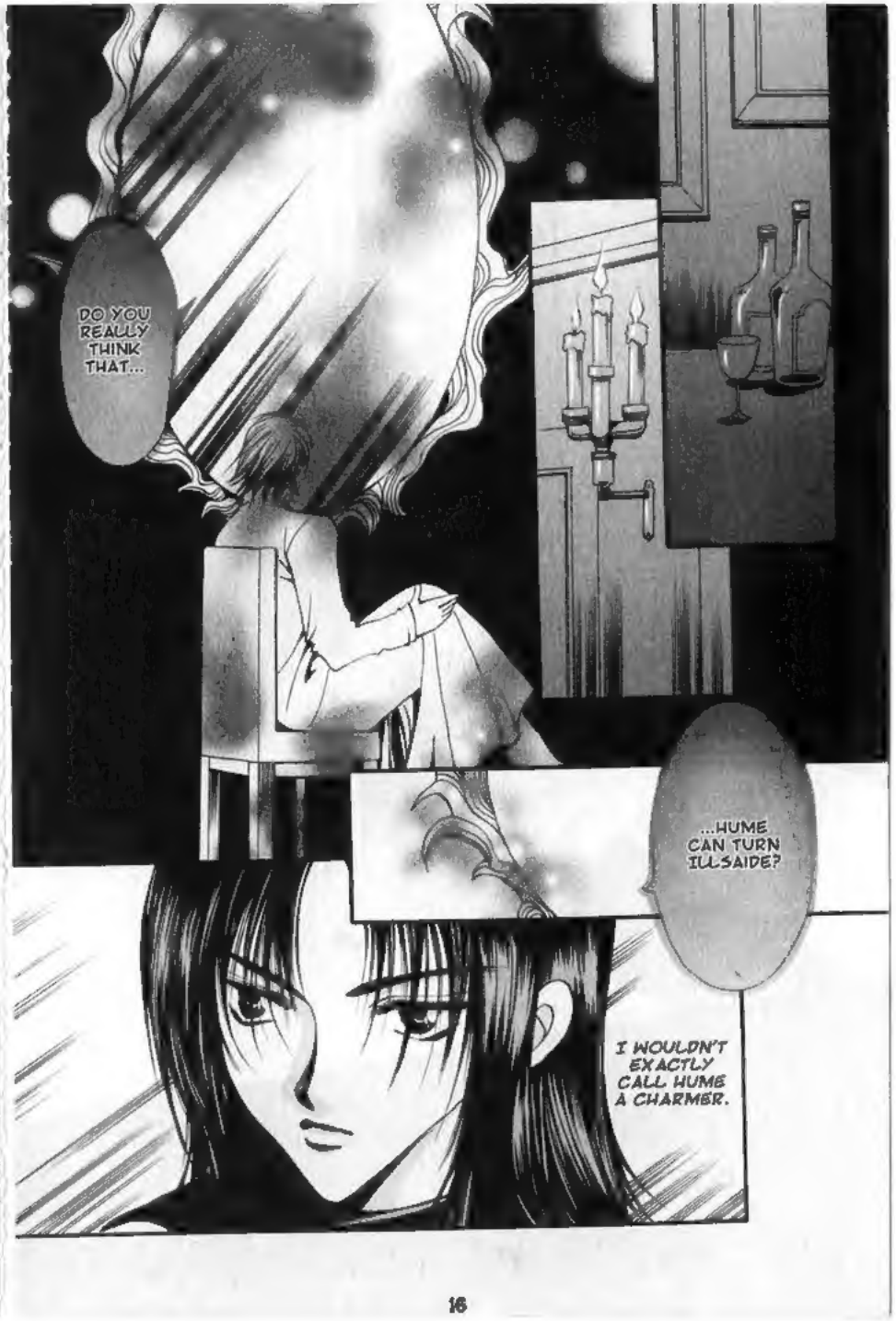
BUT NOW THAT YOU'RE GOING TO WALTZ OFF AND TRAVEL THE WORLD LIKE A COUPLE OF VAGABONDS, I THINK SHE'S COMPLETELY ROTTEN!
WHEN YOU TWO WERE TALKING ABOUT STAYING HERE AND WORKING TO MAKE A STRONGER RAZENIA, I THOUGHT SHE WAS A PEACH!
EXACTLY!
I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO UNDERSTAND.
I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO ELOPE.
WE'RE GETTING SOME RESISTANCE FROM THE COURT IN PHELIOSTA TOO.
YOU'RE TOO OLD FOR THAT KIND OF NONSENSE. THINK OF EVERYTHING YOU'D BE THROWING AWAY!
GALAHAD!

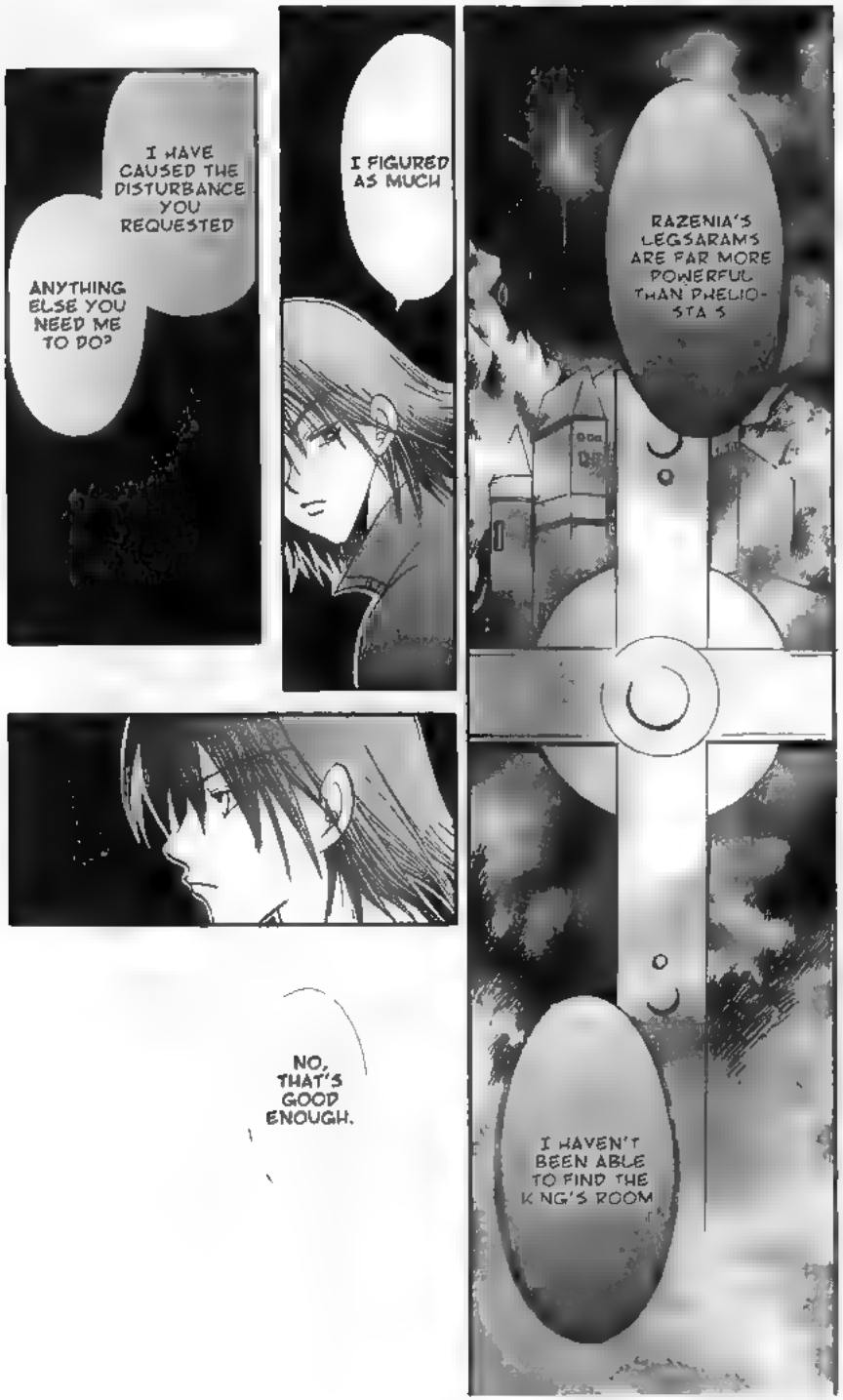
YOU REALLY DRIVE ME CRAZY SOMETIMES, GALAHAD.
LIKEWISE.
LEAVE IT TO ME, FATHER. VORD WILL ASK TO SEE THE KING BEFORE HE RETURNS HOME.
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT...
.....
WHY NOT? YOU LIKED HER BEFORE.
YOU AND GENERAL SELEN ARE NOT GETTING MARRIED! THAT'S FINAL!

BWA HA HA HA!
WELL THEN...I GUESS WE'D BETTER TAKE A LOOK.

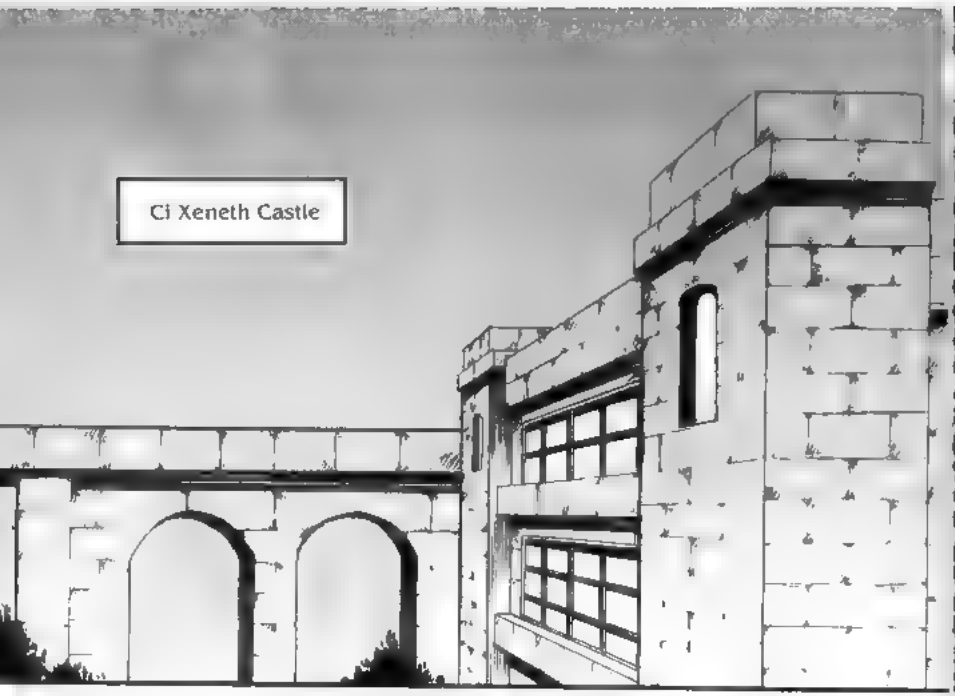
LOG!!
GALAHAD!
GUESS WHAT?! ZOMBIES ARE ATTACKING PEOPLE AT THE WORMWOOD CEMETERY. THAT'S RIGHT NEAR HERE!! LAST ONE THERE IS A ROTTEN EGG!!!
PITTING YOUR LIFE AGAINST THE MOLDERING SPAWN OF HELL ISN'T SOME KIND OF GAME!
HA HA HA!
YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT...
...I GET BORED WITH PARCHEESI!

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
I HAVE FAITH IN HIM.
...BUT...
...HE'S REALLY PUT HIS HEART INTO THIS.
Hee hee!
THAT FOOL IS IN LOVE WITH ILLSAIDE.
AH HA HA!


DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT...
...HUME CAN TURN ILLSAIDE?
I WOULDN'T EXACTLY CALL HUME A CHARMER.


I HAVE CAUSED THE DISTURBANCE YOU REQUESTED
ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED ME TO DO?
I FIGURED AS MUCH
NO, THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH.
RAZENIA'S LEGSARAMS ARE FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN PHELIOSTAS
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND THE KING'S ROOM

IT'S CUTE BUT IT'S GOING TO BE THE DEATH OF HIM
?!
ANYWAY, ENOUGH WITH THE TRAGI-COMEDY
HOW'S IT GOING ON YOUR END?
NO LUCK SO FAR

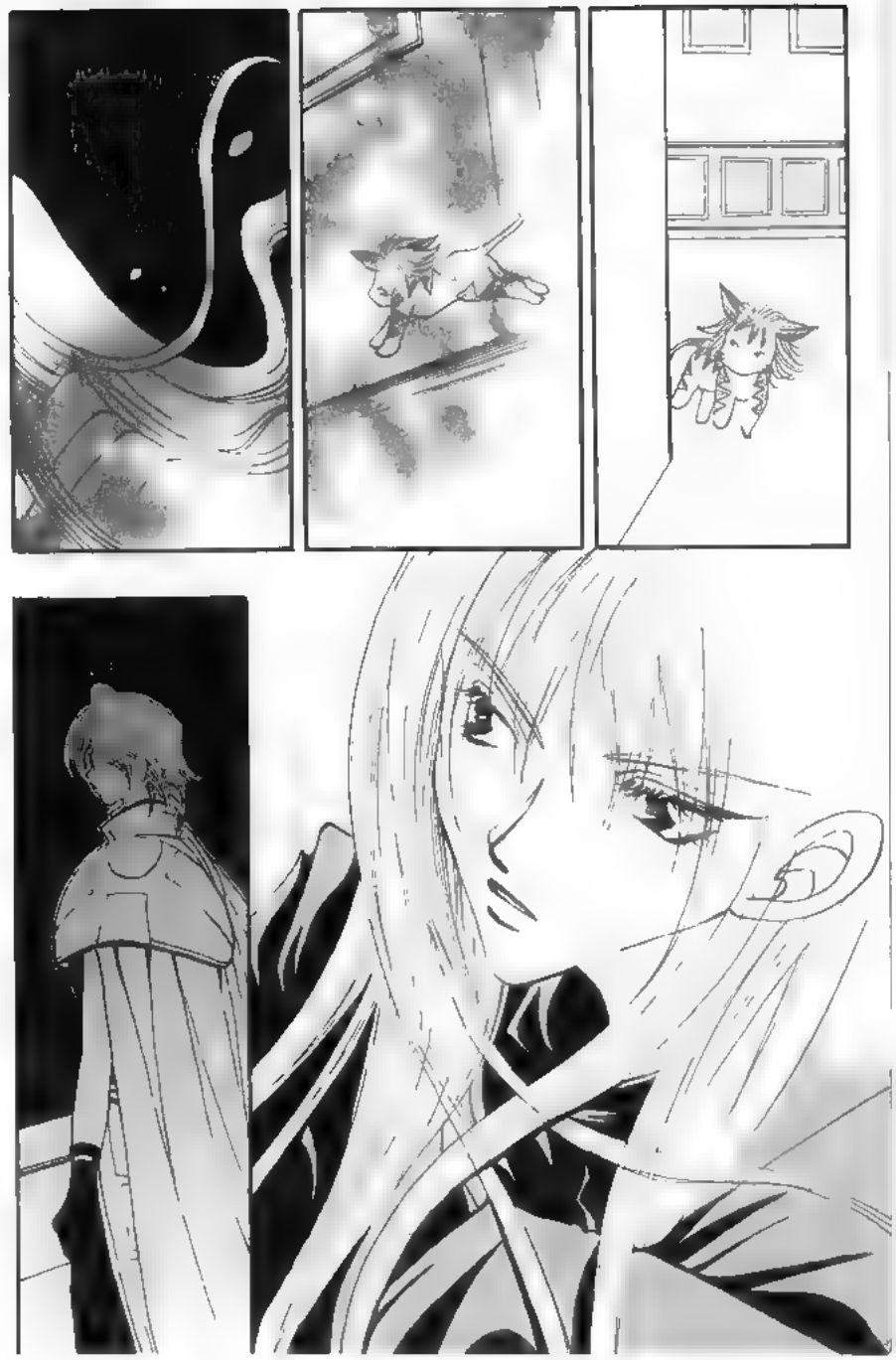

Ci Xeneth Castle

Tap!
Tap!

IF YOU WANT SOMETHING DONE RIGHT.

Get it, Duzie? Cat-like?! I am so funny.
WITH MY CAT-LIKE REFLEXES? C'MON!
LESS HASSLE THAN SCRAMBLING UP THE TRELLIS? ONE SLIP AND YOU'D BREAK YOUR NECK!
.....
Hmph!
Ha ha ha!
...WHAT'S GOING ON WITH ILLSAIDE? HE MUST HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH FALAN'S RECOVERY.
WHAT I REALLY WANT TO KNOW IS...

JUST IN THE NEIGH-BORHOOD AND THOUGHT I'D DROP IN!
OMIGOD! ISHTAR! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
NOT THAT I'M NOT GLAD TO SEE YOU...
...BUT I DO HAVE A DOOR!
I JUST WANTED TO SEE HOW YOU WERE DOING.
YEAH, BUT THEN I'D HAVE TO DO ALL KINDS OF OFFICIAL RECEP-TIONS, AND IT BECOMES A HUGE HASSLE



I KNOW...
...BUT DON'T YOU HAVE SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS HERE?
I JUST WANT TO GO AND SEE FALAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
.....
DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR FATHER?
?!

TELL ME AGAIN WHY I'M RISKING MY NECK FOR THE COUNTRY THAT JUST DISCARDED ME.
QUIT WHIN-ING!
THEY LET YOU USE THEIR SPELL BOOKS, RIGHT?
THINK OF IT AS PAYBACK FOR YOUR LIBRARY CARD!
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I JUST CAN'T.
.....!
IF YOU DON'T DO IT NOW, YOU MIGHT NOT GET ANOTHER CHANCE.
YOU'VE GOT TO BE AT LEAST A LITTLE CURIOUS.
WHY DON'T YOU MEET HIM JUST TO MEET HIM?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU HAVE TO DO ANYTHING FOR HIM, OR FOR RAZENIA.
THAT'S MY NEW NAME FOR ASHLEY'S INTEL-LIGENCE NETWORK. CUTE, HUH?
HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY FATHER?
DID ISHTAR BLAB?
NOPE. HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPE-VINE.

THAT'S A WHOLE LOT OF ZOMBIES DOWN THERE.
IT'D TAKE A VERY POWERFUL SORCERER TO ANIMATE THAT MANY CORPSES.
THAT'S STRANGE
WHAT?

?!
THE PARTY'S STARTED WITHOUT US.
Look at Vard go!

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王都篇
Act.7

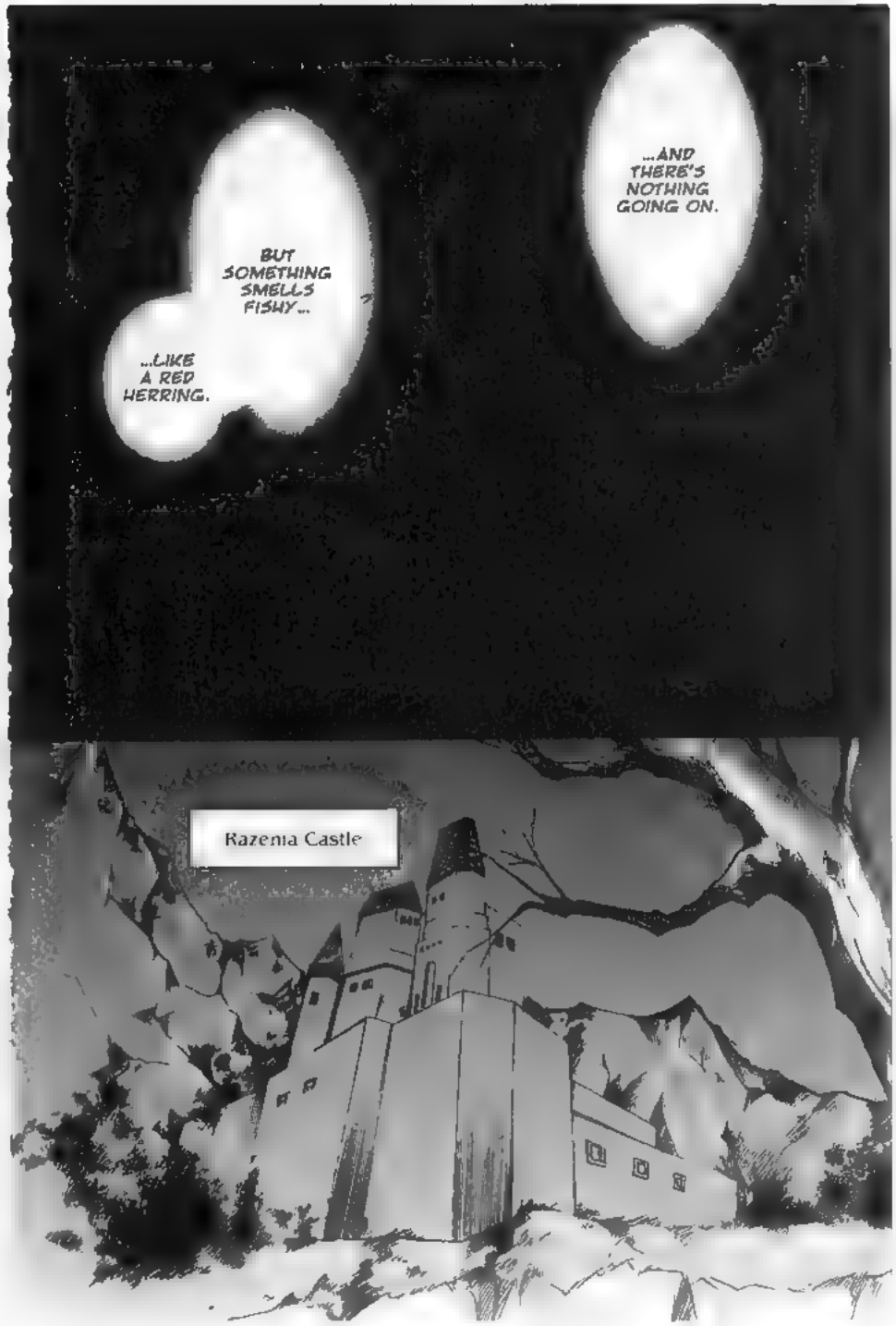
WAIT A MINUTE...
THESE ARE THE WEAKEST POSSIBLE ZOMBIES. THEY WON'T SURVIVE THE DAWN.
THEY'RE NOT GOOD FOR ANYTHING...
EXCEPT KEEPING US BUSY.
THEY'RE NOT THAT TOUGH...
...BUT THERE'RE SO MANY OF THEM!
AND THEY JUST KEEP COMING! AT THIS RATE, WE'LL BE HERE FIGHTING 'TIL MORNING!
YOU MAY BE ON TO SOME-THING.
THIS ATTACK DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

?!
WE CAN'T LET YOU HAVE ALL THE FUN.
YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE!!
WHAT?!
LOOKING GOOD, VORD! I'M PUTTING YOU IN CHARGE! I'LL BE BACK AT THE CASTLE. LET ME KNOW HOW IT GOES!
YOU JUST TAKE A BREATHER. WE'LL HANDLE THESE NASTIES.
DON'T WORRY, SWEETIE.
THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM!

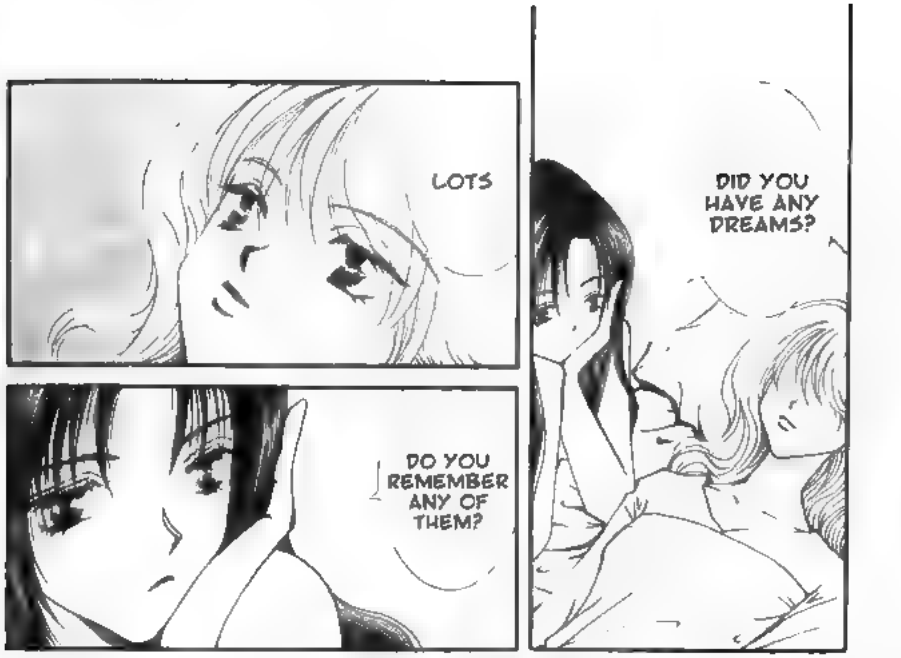
THANKS FOR STEP-PING IN WATCH YOUR-SELF
I'LL FEEL LIKE A FOOL IF I RUSH BACK TO THE CASTLE...

UM... OKAY
THE FUN'S ALL YOURS
HEY! HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE? WHY DIDN'T YOU GUYS HELP US OUT EARLIER?!
NO REASON

CASTLE'S STILL STANDING.
SO FAR, SO GOOD.
LORD YUUJEL!
ALL IS QUIET, SIR.
WHAT'S GOING ON, SOLDIER?


...AND THERE'S NOTHING GOING ON.
BUT SOMETHING SMELLS FISHY...
...LIKE A RED HERRING.
Razenia Castle

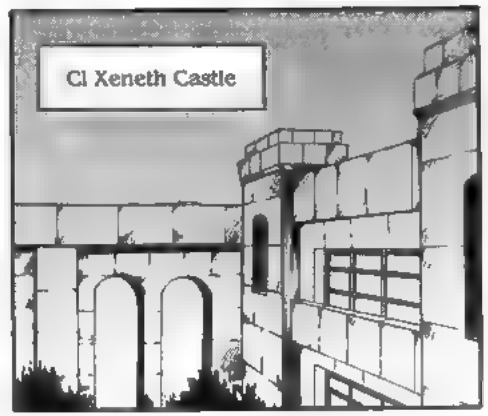
FROM PHELIOSTA? WAIT, LET ME GUESS...
OH, WHILE YOU WERE OUT...
...WE RECEIVED ANOTHER VISITOR FROM PHELIOSTA.
YOU'RE EARLY.


LOTS
DID YOU HAVE ANY DREAMS?
DO YOU REMEMBER ANY OF THEM?

HE WAS REINCARNATED, AND SO WAS ST. PHELIOS.
AND THEY WERE ARGUING.
BUT THE LAST ONE WAS ABOUT THE VAMPIRE KING DUZELL.
NOT ALL OF THEM.
Playing dumb.
Ah ha ha!
ARGUING, IS THAT ALL?

LASSEN!

IT'S SO WEIRD!
IT FEELS LIKE I JUST CLOSED MY EYES AND WOKE UP BACK HERE.


Cl Xeneth Castle

Hee Hee Hee!
...”VORD IS IN DANGER!”
BUT THE WEIRDEST THING WAS WHEN I WOKE UP, I DISTINCTLY REMEMBER SOMEONE SAYING...
AND I KNOW I DIDN'T IMAGINE IT.
BUT...
...NO ONE ELSE HEARD IT. THEY SAID I MUST'VE STILL BEEN DREAMING.

IF THEY COULD JUST HASH ALL THIS OUT THROUGH ARGUMENT, NEITHER DUZIE NOR PHELIOS...
YAWN!!
...WOULD HAVE HAD TO DIE.
...THEY WERE ARGUING ABOUT YOU, ISHTAR!
BUT THE WEIRD THING WAS..
ZZZZZ!!!
SNORE!
IT WAS JUST A DREAM.
DON'T WORRY!

CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?
OF COURSE
WHAT'S WITH YOU AND ISHTAR?
I MEAN, YOU ARE THE VAMPIRE KING AND ALL.
CAN YOU BE A LITTLE MORE SPECIFIC?
WELL...
...SHE'S GOING TO MARRY DARRES, RIGHT?
I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT.
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD HAVE MADE HER INTO A VAMPIRE AND TAKEN HER AWAY BY NOW.
?!
ISHTAR? YOU'RE NUTS! WHAT MAKES YOU THINK...
...I'D WANT TO SPEND ETERNITY WITH ISHTAR?

BUT I CAN'T LET THAT GET IN THE WAY...
...OF WHAT I'VE BEEN REBORN TO DO.
HA HA HA!
!
.....?
..AND KILLING DARRES.
...CARRYING OUT MY REVENGE ON THE REINCARNATED PHELIOS...
LITTLE THINGS LIKE DESTROYING PHELIOSTA...
CAN YOU IMAGINE A MORE ANNOYING VAMPIRE?!
.....
.....
I...
...DO CARE FOR ISHTAR...
...AND I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO PROTECT HER.

I CAN'T
JUST STAND BY AND WATCH HER DRIFT AWAY FROM ME
DU-ZELL...
YEAH?
KEEP AN EYE ON FALAN FOR ME. KEEP HER SAFE.
HE THINKS THAT'S FUNNY?
I don't think I've ever heard Ulyaoda laugh.
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU...

Whisper Whisper
FRANKLY, I PREFERRED THE ZOMBIES BETTER MANNERS

WAIT... ILLSAIDE!

I WONDER WHAT OTHER FRIENDS HE'S BROUGHT WITH HIM.
IT'S NO COINCIDENCE THAT LASSEN AND THE ZOMBIES SHOWED UP THE SAME NIGHT.
.....
HE'S NOT A TRAITOR HERE

THEY'RE JUST GOING TO TREAT HIM LIKE A MEMBER OF PHELIOSTA'S ROYAL FAMILY.
I DON'T THINK RAZENIA KNOWS HOW CLOSE WE ARE TO CIVIL WAR IN PHELIOSTA.
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, LASSEN?

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S UP TO YET.
WHATEVER IT IS, HE'S NOT ALONE.
BESIDES, WE'RE NOT IN PHELIOSTA.

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S SHOWING HIS FACE HERE!
I'D LIKE TO WRING HIS SCRAWNY LITTLE NECK.

LATER

CON-
TROL
YOUR-
SELF,
VORD!
WHAT'S
YOUR
NEXT
MOVE?

I AM
HERE...
...AT THE
REQUEST OF
PRINCESS
ISHTAR.
I HAVE A
PRIVATE
MESSAGE
FOR THE
KING.
.....?!
THAT'S
A LIE!

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WE NEED TO TALK.
LASSEN.
NOW.
STAY AWAY FROM THE KING!

Ci Xeneth Castle
YAAAWN!!
YIPES! I DIDN'T MEAN TO FALL ASLEEP HERE!
I NEED TO FIND DUZIE..
...AND GET A MOVE ON TO RAZENIA!

YOU CAN'T STOP ME GO BACK TO PHELIOSTA AND TELL THEM TO GET READY BECAUSE I'M COMING FOR THEM
BASTARD!
?!

!
IT'S ILLSAIDE. HE'S BEEN ACTING SO WEIRD LATELY.
WEIRD HOW?
AND I DON'T THINK THE PEOPLE WOULD ACCEPT HIM ANYWAY.
WELL, I DON'T THINK HE WANTS TO RULE CI XENETH.
I JUST DON'T KNOW
WHERE IS HE?
ISHTAR
GOOD MORN-ING!
HEY! YOU'RE AWAKE!
..THERE'S SOME-THING I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT
HEY ISH.

VORD? REALLY?!
...TO BE VORD.
IF I DON'T, THEY MIGHT TAKE MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS.
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS...
...THEY WANT ME TO FORCE YOU TWO TO GET MARRIED
...AND INSTALL VORD IN YOUR LATE FATHER'S POSITION.
I SEE.
MAYBE THEY JUST NEED TO WARM UP TO THE IDEA, FALAN.
TELL ME WHAT TO DO, ISH
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
I JUST FEEL SO POWERLESS.
FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD...
...EVERYONE SEEMS TO WANT THE NEXT LORD OF CI XENETH...

I'M THE QUEEN OF PHELIOSTA. I SHOULD BE STRONG. I SHOULD BE POWERFUL.
BUT I CAN'T EVEN HELP THE PEOPLE I CARE ABOUT!
I'M SORRY, FALAN!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, ISHTAR.
I'M GOING TO PUT A STOP TO THIS NONSENSE. I PROMISE!
I'M BETTER OFF MARRYING VORD...
...THAN WHOEVER ELSE THEY PICK FOR ME.
I JUST FEEL BAD FOR VORD.

Razenia Castle
FOR VORD? WHY?
YOUR MAJESTY, IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET YOU.

WE HAD HEARD THAT YOU WERE ILL.

...SEND THEIR BEST WISHES FOR YOUR SPEEDY RECOVERY.
UMM... PRINCESS ISHTAR AND ALL OF PHELIOSTA...

YOU..
...HAVE GROWN INTO A FINE YOUNG MAN.

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THE KING IS ILL! CALL A HEALER!
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PRAISE THE GODS FOR BRINGING YOU HOME AGAIN
I SUPPOSE I HAVE LADY RAMIA TO THANK FOR THAT
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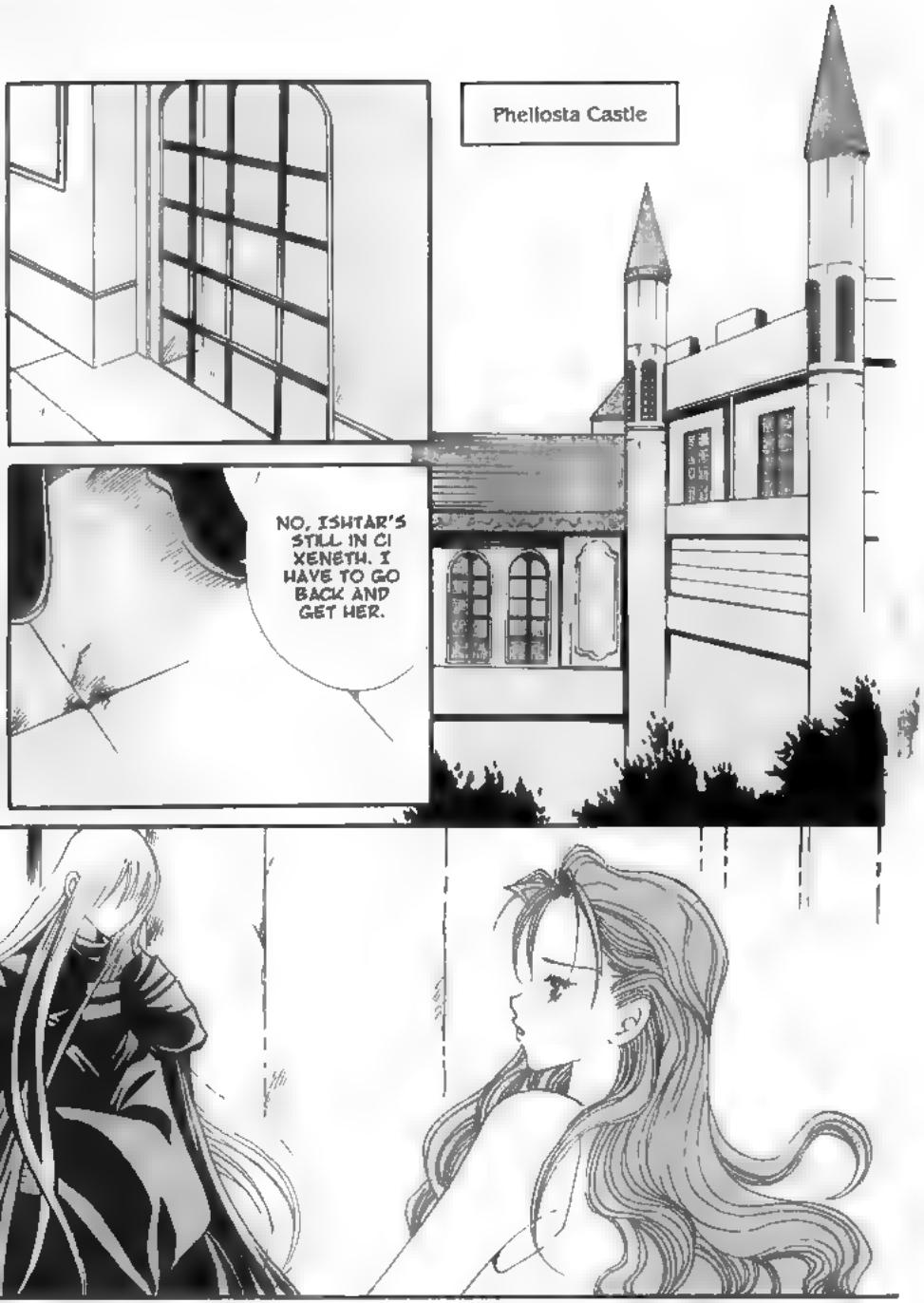
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NO, ISHTAR'S STILL IN CI XENETH. I HAVE TO GO BACK AND GET HER.

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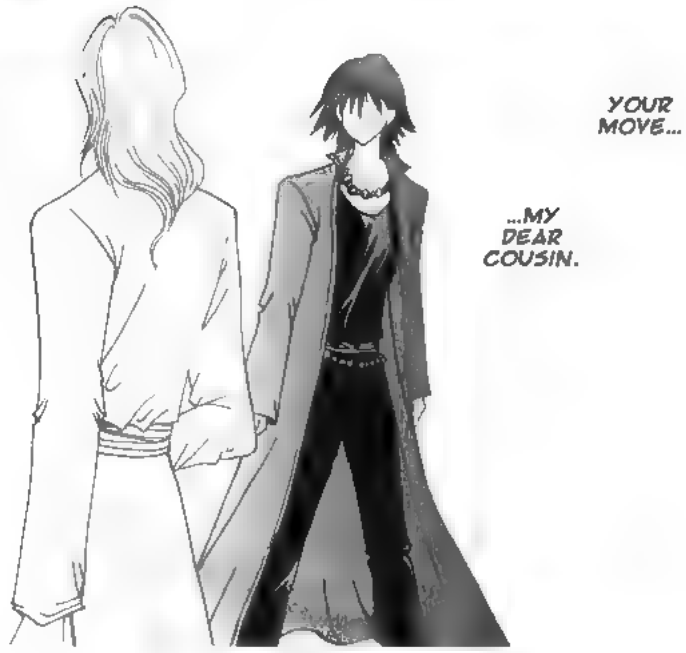
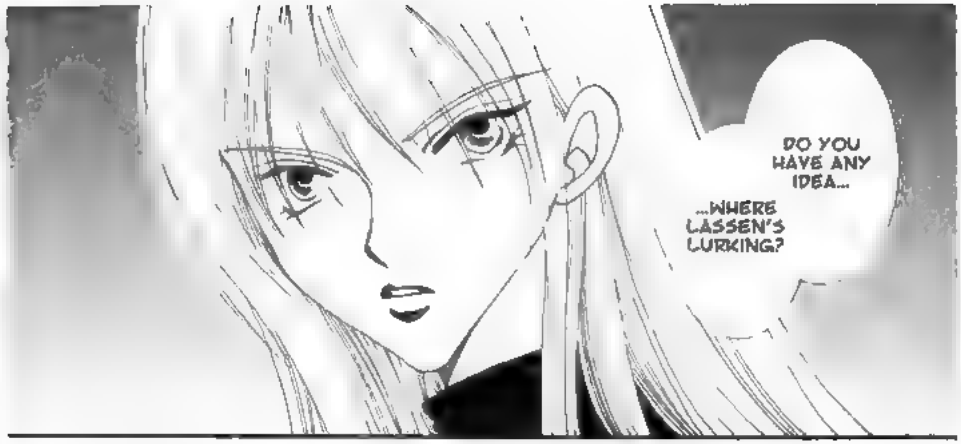

YOUR MOVE...
...MY DEAR COUSIN.

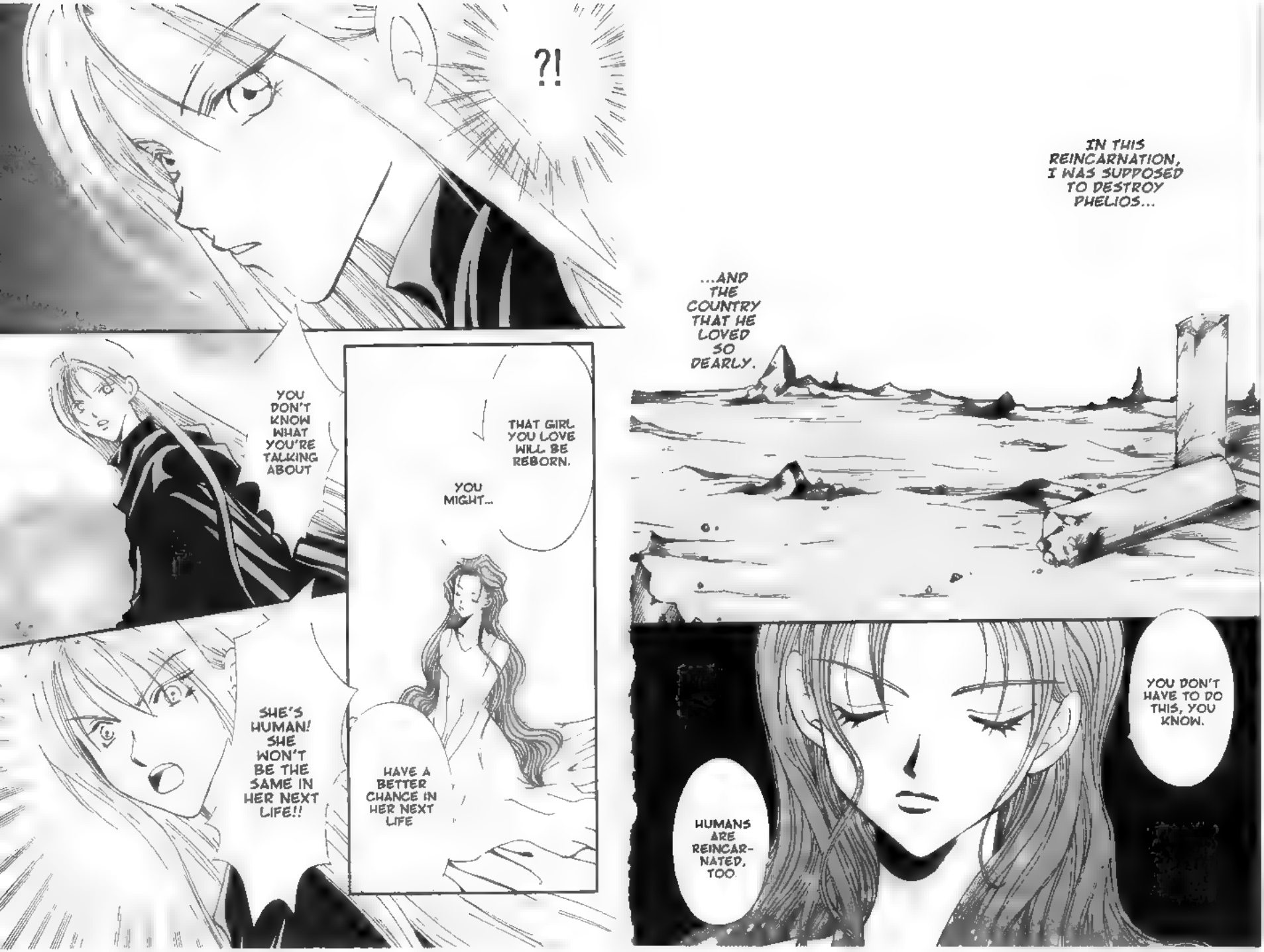
SO YOU'RE GOING TO SIDE WITH PHELIOSTA?
.....
HAVE YOU GONE COMPLETELY MAD?
.....
?!


DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA...
...WHERE LASSEN'S LURKING?

HOW SHOULD I KNOW? AND WHY DO YOU CARE?

.....

...LASSEN, SHARLEN AND ILLSAIDE!
IF THAT HAPPENS, I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN HANDLE...
BECAUSE I THINK ILLSAIDE IS ABOUT TO SIDE WITH LASSEN.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YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
THAT GIRL YOU LOVE WILL BE REBORN.
YOU MIGHT...
SHE'S HUMAN! SHE WON'T BE THE SAME IN HER NEXT LIFE!!
HAVE A BETTER CHANCE IN HER NEXT LIFE
IN THIS REINCARNATION, I WAS SUPPOSED TO DESTROY PHELIOS...
...AND THE COUNTRY THAT HE LOVED SO DEARLY.
HUMANS ARE REINCAR-NATED, TOO.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS, YOU KNOW.

I LOVE HER.
WHAT DID I JUST SAY?
I LOVE HER THE WAY SHE IS NOW!
.....!!
.....

Razenia Castle
I'VE LOVED HER SINCE THE FIRST TIME I SET EYES ON HER.
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

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王都篇
Act.9

HUH?
WHICH TWO?
YOU CAN REALLY SEE IT IN THOSE TWO.
YUUJEL AND LASSEN.
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THEY WERE DIFFERENT AS NIGHT AND DAY FROM THE DAY THEY WERE BORN.

THEY SAY...
...THE APPLE DOESN'T FALL FAR FROM THE TREE.

ケロリ
DIDN'T THINK OF THAT!
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT
MAYBE LADY SONIA'S KINDNESS...
...JUST RUBBED OFF ON YUUJEL.
AND THE HATE THAT FLOWED IN HIS FATHER'S VEINS POISONED LASSEN
LASSEN WAS THE SON OF A COURTESAN AND AN ABSOLUTELY DREADFUL MAN.
. AND HE'S TURNED OUT ROTTEN TO THE CORE
YUUJEL'S PARENTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAD EVERYONE'S RESPECT.
AT LEAST UNTIL RECENTLY.
BUT..
COULDN'T YOU JUST AS EASILY SAY THAT THEIR UP-BRINGINGS...
...MADE THEM THE PEOPLE THAT THEY ARE?

I WAS SO SCARED...
...WHEN I TOOK HIM UNDER MY WING.
REALLY? WHY?
BUT THEN...
...HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN DARRES?
EVEN YOU COULDN'T RUIN HIM.
Hee hee hee!
BEATS ME.
WHAT IF I SCREWED HIM UP?
I'M A SOLDIER. WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT RAISING KIDS?
YOU DIDN'T DO TOO BADLY.
HOW MANY-
...STREET URCHINS END UP AS KING OF PHELIOSTA?
IT'S GOT TO BE A RELATIVELY SMALL PERCENT-AGE.
I DIDN'T THINK OF THIS BEFORE.
...BUT IF YOUR STEPSON BECOMES KING...
...WHAT DOES THAT MAKE US?
THE ROYAL STEP-PARENTS?
Hee hee!

KNOCK KNOCK!
KNOCK
PARDON ME!
BUT A MESSENGER JUST ARRIVED WITH THIS MESSAGE FROM CAPTAIN DARRES FOR GENERAL SELEN!
OKAY. BRING IT IN.
THAT'S CRAZY!

WHAT'D SHE DO NOW?
IT'S NOT HER. IT'S DARRES. HE'S COMING HERE.
OH.

YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT
THIS REALLY UPS THE ANTE.
I'D...
...BET DOLLARS TO DONUTS...
...THAT ISHTAR AND DUZELL ARE IN CI XENETH WITH FALAN.
Bingo!
I DON'T SEE WHY HE'S COMING HERE.
HOW'D YOU KNOW?
BUT HE THINKS ISH-TAR'S HERE, RIGHT?
LUCKY GUESS. WITH LASSEN HERE, THAT COULD BE A PROBLEM.
I DON'T THINK THAT..
... DARRES UNDER-STANDS HIS NEW ROLE IN THIS GAME.
HE'S ABOUT TO BECOME KING...
...BUT HE GOES OFF CHASING ISHTAR LIKE HE'S STILL HER BODYGUARD!
HE HATES THAT THING ANYWAYS.
I WISH I COULD WARN HIM SOMEHOW.
BUT I TOLD HIM NOT TO USE THE MIRROR
NOT THAT I'M COMPLAINING ABOUT SEEING DARRES
OLD HABITS DIE HARD.

I HUMBLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU HONOR HIS REQUEST
HIS MAJESTY, THE KING OF RAZENIA...
...REQUESTS THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY.
HUH?!
VORD, HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN ABOUT DUZELL?
WAIT, SO YOU KNOW TOO?
KNOCK! KNOCK!
HUH?
EXPECTING ANYONE?
NOPE.
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AND WATCH YOURSELF.
WELL, GOOD LUCK THEN.

Ci Xeneth Castle

TOUGH CHOICE. I KNOW THE KING'S NOT YOUR FAVORITE PERSON
IF IT WAS ME, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO.
I'LL DO IT.

HE'S GOT TO BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE. I'M SURE HE'LL TURN UP.
IT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT GOING TO RAZENIA WITHOUT DUZIE
I CAN'T FIND DUZIE ANYWHERE! HE'S BEEN MISSING SINCE YESTERDAY!
DON'T WORRY HE WILL!
BUT HE'S A LOT BIGGER NOW.
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MAYBE. HE DID GET LOST THAT ONE TIME IN LA NAAN.
HE LOOKS ABOUT THE SAME TO ME.
THINK HE GOT LOST?

AT LEAST HE LOOKS BETTER THAN HE DID LAST NIGHT.
WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
THIS IS SO WEIRD.
GOOD OL' DAD IS LOOKING FIT

I'M HAPPY JUST TO BE HERE WITH YOU.
...ALL THE SPEECHES I'D RE-HEARSED IN MY HEAD SEEM SILLY.
...NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE...
PRINCE... ER...SON... BEFORE YOU CAME HERE...
...THERE WERE SO MANY THINGS I WANTED TO SAY TO YOU
BUT...
YOUR MAJ-ESTY...
...YOU MUST HAVE ME CONFUSED WITH SOMEONE ELSE. I AM PRINCE YORD OF LA NAAN.
BUT I THOUGHT—
I COULD HAVE PREVENTED IT
IT WAS A MISTAKE, GIVING YOU UP FOR ADOPTION
AFTER ALL THIS TIME, THAT'S ALL YOU CAN SAY?

WHAT WAS THAT?
IT LOOKS LIKE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON!

I...I SEE. FORGIVE ME.
!!

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DO YOU SUPPORT THIS MAN...
...WHO CLAIMS TO BE YOUR COUSIN?
THE PRINCESS' FORMER BODY-GUARD?
SO TELL ME, PRINCE VORD...
..WHERE DO YOU STAND, WHEN IT COMES TO..
..THE NEXT KING OF PHELIOSTA?

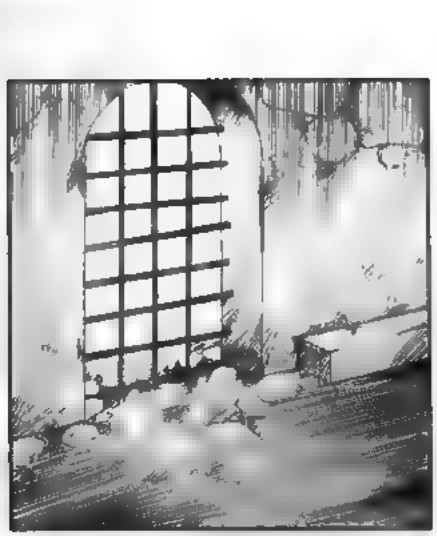
DO YOU SUPPORT THIS MAN...
...WHO CLAIMS TO BE YOUR COUSIN?
SO NO WEDDING PRESENT, HUH?
I THINK IT'S PRETTY CLEAR...
...WHAT HE THINKS ABOUT THEIR MARRIAGE.
HEY...
...THIS IS SERIOUS, DAMMIT!

WELL, HE HASN'T MADE AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.
YET.
WE COULD BE IN TROUBLE IF HE DOESN'T SUPPORT THEM. HE IS THE KING OF RAZENIA...
...AND THEY'RE OUR BIGGEST ALLY!
...TO BE HIS HEIR
MAYBE HE WAS JUST TRYING TO RATTLE YOUR CAGE.
HE CAN'T BE TOO HAPPY THAT YOU'RE NOT WILLING..

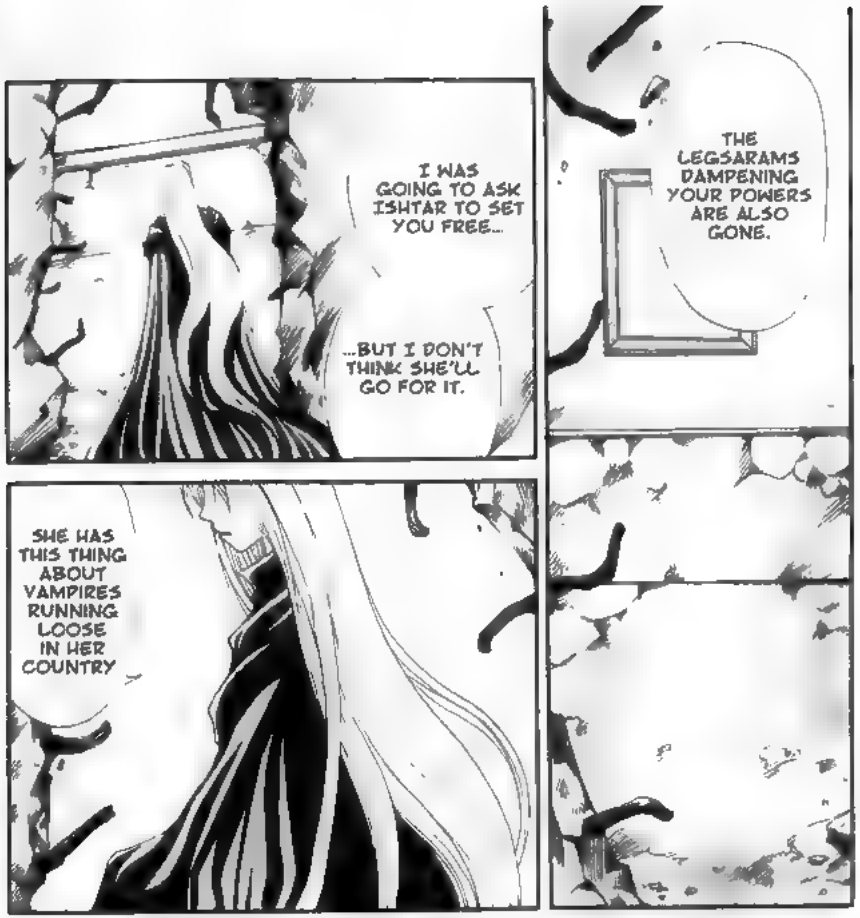
.....
NOTHING IT'S PROBABLY JUST MY IMAGINATION.
BUT WHAT?
NO, TELL ME WHAT YOU WERE GOING TO SAY.
NOW THAT LASSEN IS HERE...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
...WE HAVE TO PRESUME THE WORST
I MEAN WE HAVE TO ASSUME THAT RAZENIA HAS SIDED WITH MR. SEII
Heh.
..BUT
MAYBE HE WAS.
HIS EXPRESSION CHANGED SO SUDDENLY!
HE LOOKED LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON

I REAL-IZE THAT.
SO, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT LASSEN?
IF HE GETS BACK IN CONTROL OF MIL SEII, HE'LL START A WAR FOR SURE. WE CAN'T JUST LET HIM GO.
.. BUT HERE IN RAZENIA, THAT MIGHT BE A BIT TRICKY
SO WE COULD TRY AND ASSASSINATE HIM...
WE CAN'T HAVE HIM EXECUTED.
SO WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

Ha! Ha! Ha!
KIDDING, OF COURSE SEE, I'M LAUGHING.
WHAT?! YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!
I DON'T REALLY THINK THEY'RE ALLIES... YET.
PHEW... HAD ME SCARED FOR A MINUTE THERE.



DAD, I HOPE YOU END UP ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF ALL OF THIS.


I WAS GOING TO ASK ISHTAR TO SET YOU FREE...
...BUT I DON'T THINK SHE'LL GO FOR IT.
THE LEGSARAMS DAMPENING YOUR POWERS ARE ALSO GONE.
SHE HAS THIS THING ABOUT VAMPIRES RUNNING LOOSE IN HER COUNTRY

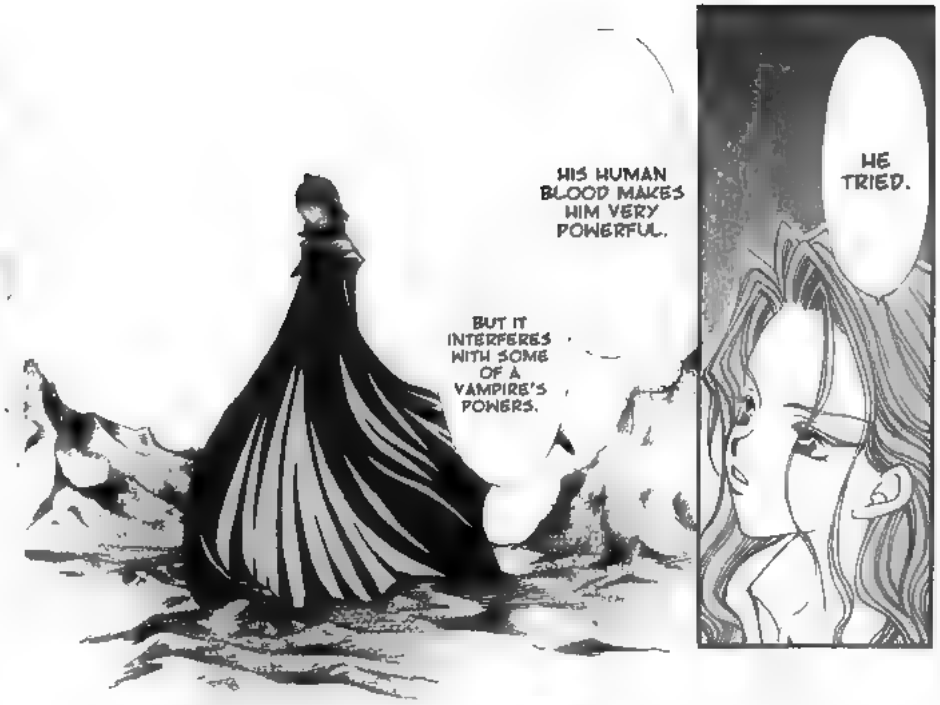
.....
!!

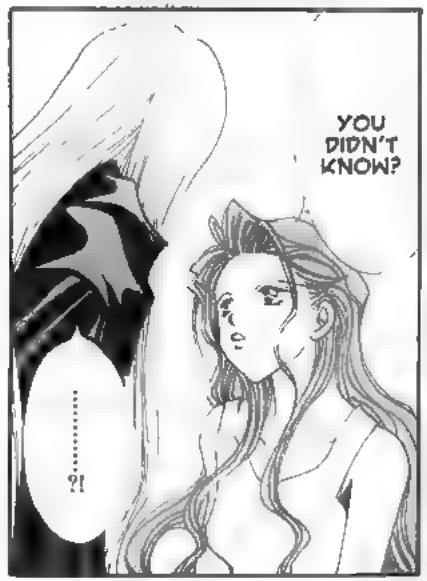
MY LORD!

GO!
GET OUT OF HERE!
THESE HUMANS WILL KILL YOU IF YOU STAY!
BECAUSE I WASTED ALL THOSE YEARS, WAITING FOR A YOU THAT NO LONGER EXISTED.
...I USED TO RESENT THAT ABOUT YOU.

I'M TIRED OF THIS LIFE
I MIGHT AS WELL START OVER AGAIN.
LET THEM COME.
WHAT DO I HAVE TO LIVE FOR ANYWAYS?
!!
YOU'RE NOT A VAMPIRE?! I THOUGHT SHARLEN..
?!
I COULDN'T EVEN BECOME A VAMPIRE IT MUST BE BAD KARMA.
ALL I WANTED IN THIS LIFE WAS TO BE BY YOUR SIDE. BUT YOU'VE REPLACED ME.

SHARLEN IS A PART OF THIS GHOST YOU'VE BEEN CHASING.


HE TRIED.
HIS HUMAN BLOOD MAKES HIM VERY POWERFUL.
BUT IT INTERFERES WITH SOME OF A VAMPIRE'S POWERS.


YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
.....?!

HOLD ON! BACK UP!
WHAT ABOUT SHARLEN'S HUMAN BLOOD?!

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
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SHARLEN IS...
...THE SON OF ST. PHELIOS AND THE VAMPIRE DIAAGE.

YOU'RE AWFULLY SPUNKY TODAY, YOUR MAJESTY!
I'M UP FOR IT!
I FEEL SO GOOD, I'VE A MIND TO DO A LITTLE SPARRING! WHO'S GAME?
GALAHAD, I NEED TO TALK TO YOU.
RIGHT NOW.
?
OH, RELAX!
I FEEL FINE!
YOUR MAJESTY!
DON'T STRAIN YOURSELF!
PLEASE!
THE FUTURE KING OF PHELIOSTA IS ON HIS WAY HERE. I CAN'T BE SICK IN BED.
I HAVE TO WELCOME HIM PROPERLY!

SO, POPS, WHAT'S UP?
IT'S GREAT TO SEE THE KING BACK TO HIS OLD ORNERY SELF.
Heh heh.
YOUR MAGIC MUST HAVE DONE QUITE THE NUMBER ON HIM.
.....
WHAT'D I DO NOW?
YOU MORON!!

I'M SORRY! SOME OTHER TIME, YOUR MAJESTY
I KNOW!
CALL LORD VORD!
SEE IF HE'LL SPAR WITH AN OLD MAN! TELL HIM I'LL GO EASY ON HIM.

HE WAS WEAK AS A KITTEN YESTERDAY. .
AS HIS PERSONAL HEALER, I KNOW THE KING BETTER THAN ANYONE
BUT THAT'S NOT THE KING.
THE KING WOULD LIKE YOU TO SPAR WITH HIM. I HUMBLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU HONOR HIS REQUEST.
WHAT?
COME AGAIN?
For a second there, it sounded like he said "Kill the King."
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO AFTERWARDS. YOU AND SELEN CAN GO WHEREVER YOU WANT.
BUT YOU HAVE TO KILL THE KING.
KILL THE KING. YOU HAVE TO. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY
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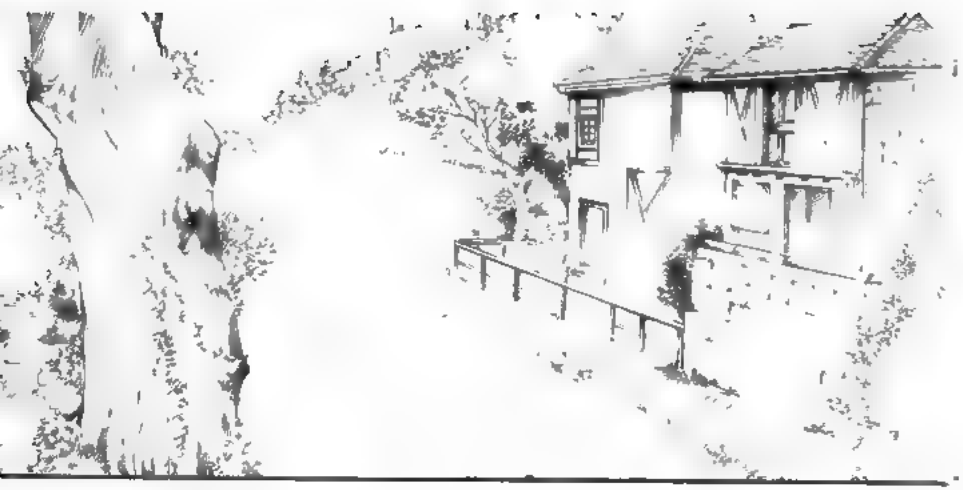

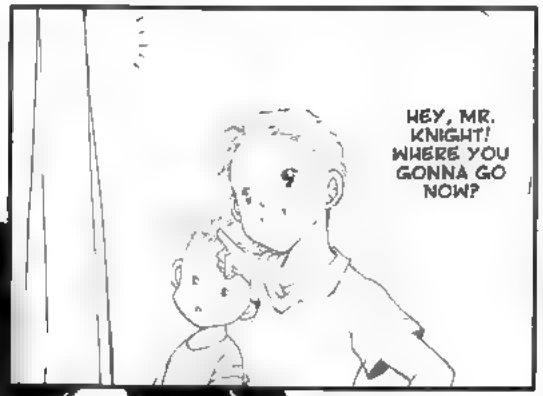

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OVER HERE, MOM!
THEN WHY ARE YOU GOING TO THE CASTLE? YOU GOT SOME FRIENDS THERE?

SORT OF... WAIT... NO!
YEP! ARE YOU GOING TO RESCUE A DAMSEL IN DISTRESS?
IS SHE YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
WHY DID I THINK OF HER LIKE THAT?
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Bush!!!
BOYS!! WHERE ARE YOU?
IS YOUR GIRL-FRIEND PRETTY?
SHE'S NOT MY GIRL-FRIEND!

WHAT AM I THINKING?
YUJINN'S A LOT OF THINGS. BUT HE'S NOT MY FRIEND. NOT REALLY.

I GUESS YOU COULD CALL THEM THAT.
SORT OF.
WE WERE LEAVING THE FOREST...
...AND A GARL ATTACKED US! AND DARRES CAME BY...
...AND CHOPPED ITS HEAD OFF!

WOW.
THAT'S QUITE THE PARTY TRICK CAN HE DO IMPRES-SIONS?
ACTUALLY, YEAH.
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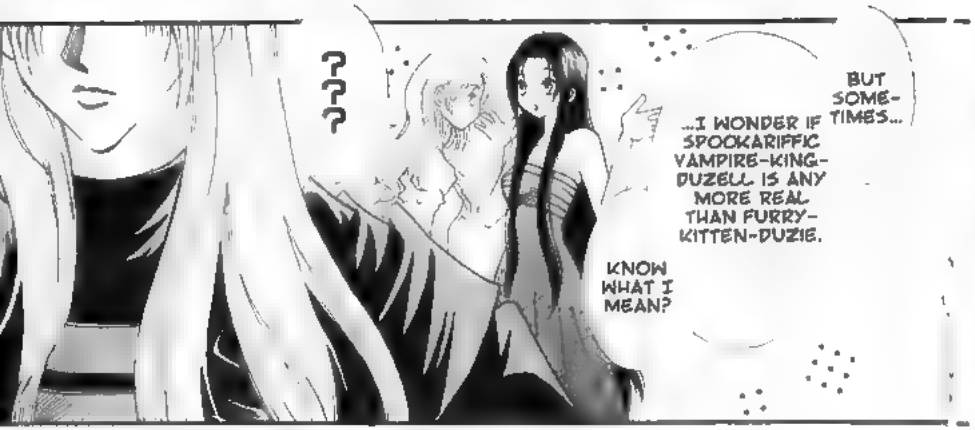
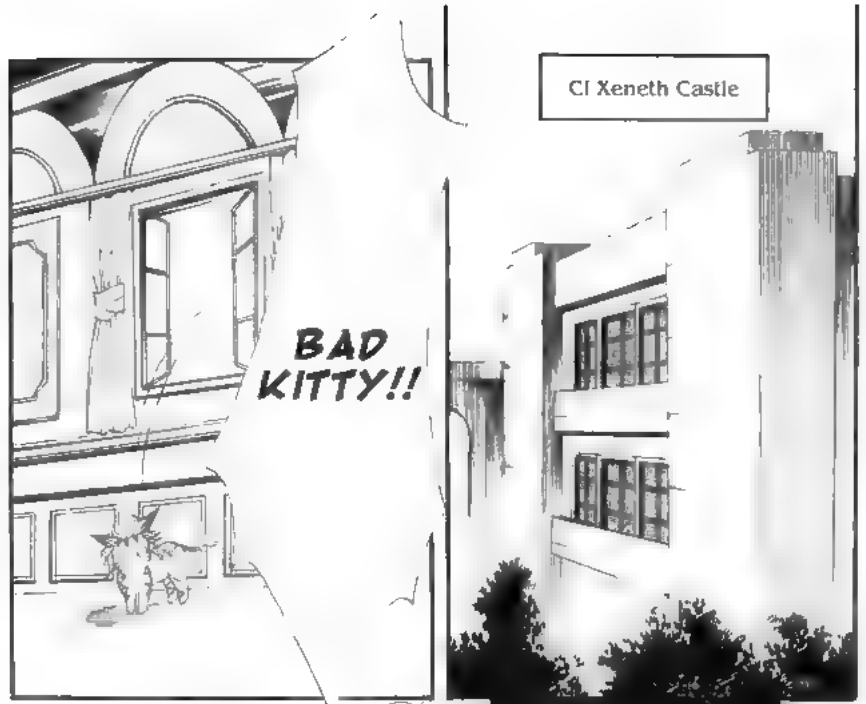

???
...I WONDER IF SPOOKARIFFIC VAMPIRE-KING-DUZELL IS ANY MORE REAL THAN FURRY-KITTEN-DUZIE.
BUT SOME-TIMES...
KNOW WHAT I MEAN?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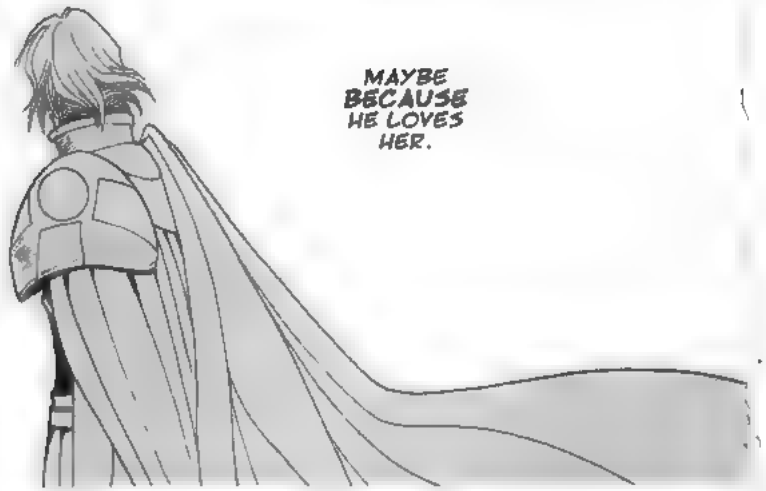
BAD KITTY!!

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, DUZIE?! WE'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU!

THAT MAKES NO SENSE! ILLSAIDE IS IN LOVE WITH FALAN!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
HOW COULD HE JOIN UP WITH SOMEONE WHO'S PLOTTING TO KILL US ALL?


MAYBE BECAUSE HE LOVES HER.

NO WAY!
WE HAVE A PROBLEM.
ILLSAIDE HAS SIDED WITH LASSEN.

IT'S OKAY, FALAN...
...GONE OVER TO THE DARK SIDE!
THIS HAS TO BE SOME SORT OF MIX-UP!
ILLSAIDE CAN'T HAVE .
WE NEED TO WARN VORD AND YUJINN
WE SHOULD GO TO RAZENIA
RIGHT, ILLSAIDE. ?
WAIT HERE FOR US. WE'LL BRING ILLSAIDE BACK I PROMISE.
AND WE'RE GOING TO NEED YUJINN REAL SOON.
HOLD ON A MINUTE!
WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

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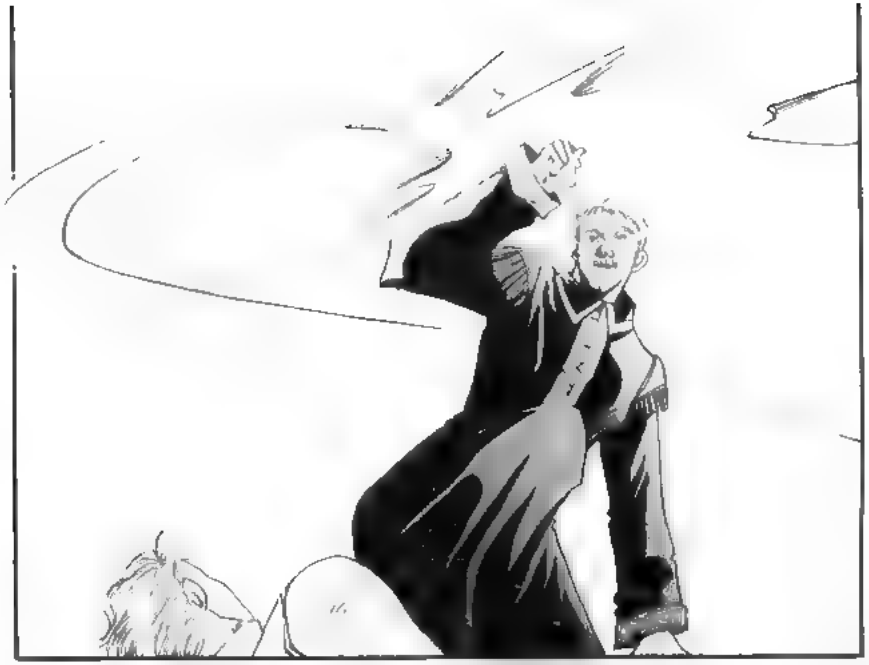
LET'S GO.
WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO IN RAZENIA.

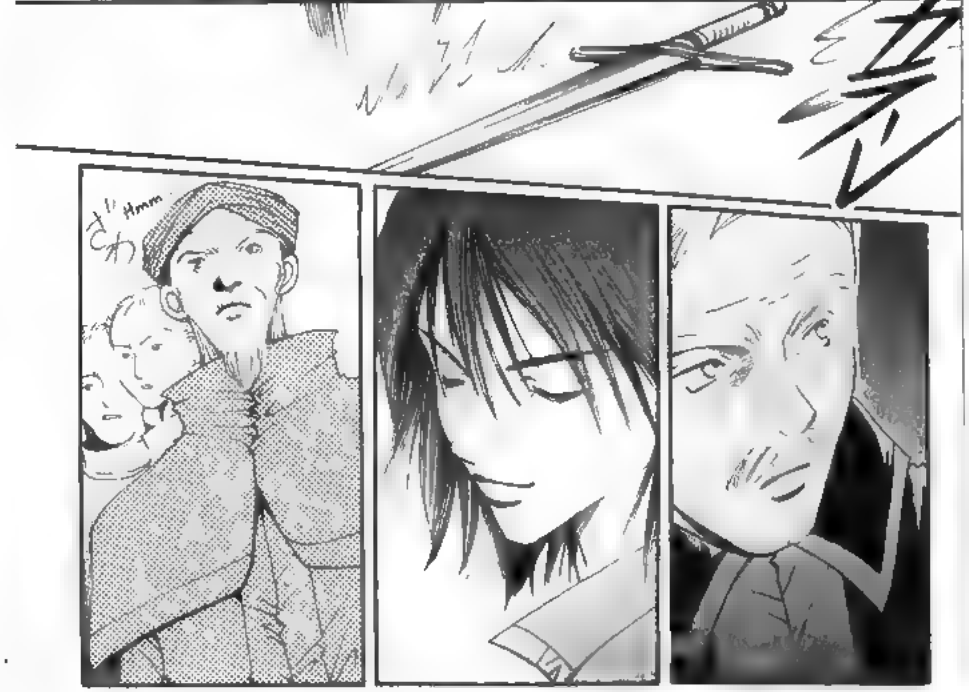
VORD'S GOT AT LEAST 30 YEARS ON THE KING. SO HOW IS THAT OLD FART MAKING HIM LOOK LIKE A CHUMP?
TWO DAYS AGO, THE KING COULDN'T GET OUT OF BED. I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF VITAMINS HE'S BEEN TAKING, BUT I WANT SOME.

NEVER! NOT EVEN IN HIS YOUTH. HE MUST'VE BEEN HOLDING OUT ON US!
SOME-THING IS GOING ON!
THIS IS UNNATURAL.
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN HIS HIGHNESS FENCE LIKE THAT?

LOOKS LIKE MY HONORED GUEST DOESN'T TRUST ME
I WAS JUST HAVING A LITTLE FUN WITH HIM, LORD YUUJEL. RELAX

IT WAS SUCH AN EXCITING MATCH, I GOT CARRIED AWAY. FORGIVE ME, YOUR MAJESTY.




Hmm

WE'RE IN RAZENIA. WE MADE IT, DUZIE!

VORD SAID THE KING LOOKED LIKE HE BECAME A DIFFERENT PERSON.
DOES THAT MEAN...?
GOOD ONE, DAD.

...THAT WOULD ABOUT KILL ME.
IF DARRES AND SELEN WANTED TO BE TOGETHER...
THAT WOULD BE EVEN HARDER.
WELL, I HOPE YOU'LL UNDER-STAND WHEN...
SO, THAT MAKES IT OKAY?
NO! I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HE'S SIDED WITH THAT CREEP LASSEN! THAT PART MAKES ME SICK!
DUZIE, I CAN'T SAY THIS TO FA-LAN...
...BUT I KIND OF UNDER-STAND HOW ILLSAIDE MUST BE FEELING.
.....
USUALLY, I'M A "MARCH IN THE FRONT DOOR" KIND OF GIRL...
...BUT WE'RE NOT IN DHELI-OSTA
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE.
AND THEN TO HAVE TO WATCH HER WITH SOME-ONE NEW.
IT MUST BE HORRIBLE NOT TO BE ABLE TO BE WITH THE ONE YOU LOVE...
...EVEN IF SHE IS YOUR HALF-SISTER

WHAT DAMSELS?!
LADY ISHTAR!
I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND...
SAVING DAMSELS DOESN'T LOOK SO HARD. LOOKS LIKE THEY SAVE THEMSELVES.
Pretty much.
YOU SHOULD STAY THE NIGHT
DON'T GO SO SOON, DARRES! WE'RE NOT DONE HAVING FUN!
WHAT THE...?!
?!
I'D LIKE TO. BUT I'VE GOT DAMSELS TO RESCUE, REMEMBER?

MY BIGGEST FEAR HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT IF I GET KILLED
SOMETIMES, PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN MY PLACE.
PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO KILL ME.
...I'D NEVER SEE MY LOVED ONES AGAIN. EVERYTHING WILL JUST BE OVER
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YOU KNOW WHAT?
YOU LOOK LIKE IT, TOO.
I...
I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN RUN OVER BY AN OX.
...I DON'T WANT TO SCARE YOU, BUT I'VE GOT NO IDEA...
...HOW WE'RE GOING TO GET OUT OF HERE ALIVE. YOU?
NOPE. KNOW A GOOD CAVALRY?

I'D ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT WHEN THE VAMPIRE KING DUZELL REAPPEARED, THE REINCARNATION OF PHELIOS WOULD REVEAL HIMSELF.
WELL, DUZIE'S HERE. AND HE KNOWS WHO PHELIOS IS. BUT HE HASN'T KILLED ANYONE YET. I WONDER IF HE'LL REALLY BE able TO?
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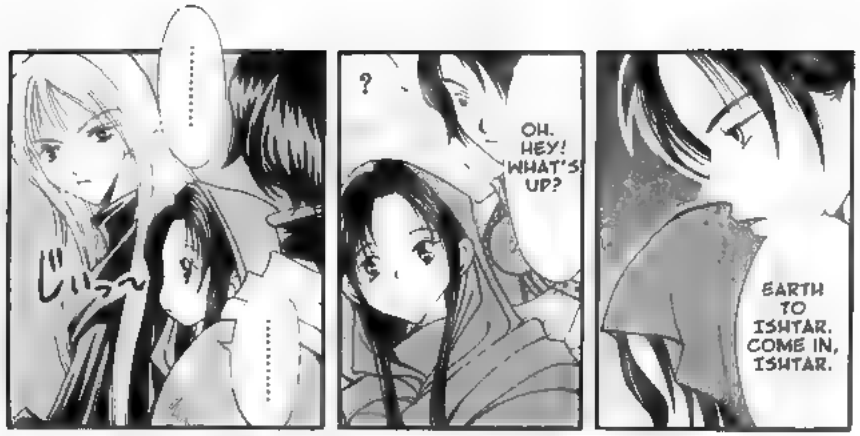
WHEW! THEY SURE KNOW HOW TO BUILD 'EM IN RAZENIA.



I CAN'T WORRY ABOUT MY NEXT LIFE.

HOW BAD WOULD I HAVE TO WANT IT TO BE REBORN AT THE SAME TIME AS MY LOVED ONES? IS THAT WHAT DUZIE DID?

MY LIFE IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW.
LET'S GET IT OVER WITH.
..OR HOLE UP UNTIL MORNING?
IT'S GETTING LATE, AND WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE GETTING INTO. SHOULD WE MAKE A BREAK FOR THE CASTLE...
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS
MIDNIGHT. A VAMPIRE'S STRENGTH SHOULD BE AT ITS PEAK NOW.
ENTER.
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KNOCK! KNOCK!

WHAT IS IT YOU WANT?
LASSEN, THIS FIGHTING IS POINT-LESS.
LET'S MAKE A DEAL.
...YOU WERE TRYING TO KILL ME
THE USUAL. POWER. REVENGE. DOMINANCE. THAT REMINDS ME, THE LAST TIME WE MET...
WHAT DO I WANT?
TURNABOUT IS FAIR PLAY.

MY DEAR COUSIN. IT'S LATE.
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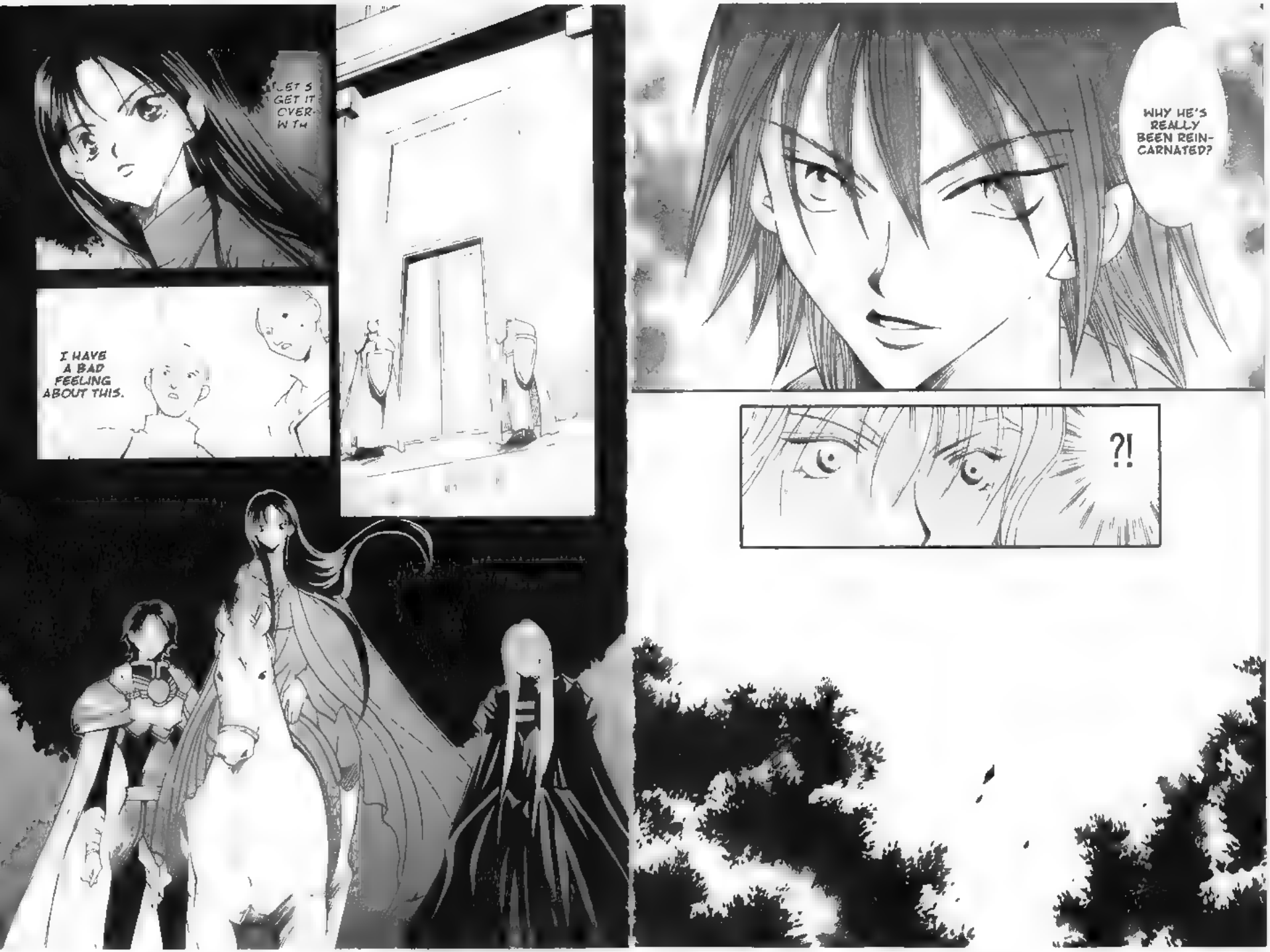
...THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO INSTALL A MAN NAMED ASHLEY AS THE NEXT HEAD OF ZI ALDA.
AND THAT THIS ASHLEY HAS NO ROYAL BLOOD WHATSOEVER.
.....
I HEAR...
WHAT DO YOU CARE?
I FIND IT INTERESTING THAT YOU'D FORSAKE YOUR BIRTHRIGHT. UNLESS, OF COURSE...
..YOU WERE CONTENDING FOR A MUCH BIGGER PRIZE
IF EITHER VORD OR THE KING GETS KILLED, WE'VE GOT A WAR ON OUR HANDS.
WERE YOU LOOKING FOR AN APOLOGY?
I ADMIRE YOUR PLOT SINCE YOU'VE GOT THE KING OF RAZENIA UNDER YOUR THUMB, I'M IN A JAM.
SO, TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT.
I KNOW YOU COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT THE THRONE OF PHELIOSTA.

YUUJEL...,
DO YOU KNOW WHAT PHELIOS REALLY WANTED?
LAS-SEN..
I'M ASKING YOU AGAIN.. WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT?
DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ASH-LEY?
ON THE CON-TRARY.
IN WHICH CASE...
..THE METHOD YOU'VE USED TO TURN YOUR POWER OVER TO ASHLEY IS VERY.. UNUSUAL
?
I THINK IT'S A WONDER-FUL IDEA.
ABILITY RATHER THAN INHERITANCE SHOULD DE-TERMINE THE RIGHT TO RULE. AND FROM WHAT I HEAR, ASHLEY IS EMINENTLY CAPABLE.


LET'S GET IT OVER WITH
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
WHY HE'S REALLY BEEN REINCARNATED?
?!

I REQUEST AN AUDIENCE WITH YOUR KING.
I AM PRINCESS ISHTAR OF PHELIOSTA, AND THIS IS MY FIANCÉ, THE FUTURE KING OF PHELIOSTA.

UM... HOLD ON A SEC!

HOW WOULD YOU KNOW WHY PHELIOS REALLY WANTED TO BE REBORN? ARE YOU HIS REINCARNATION?
DUZELL SAID THAT PHELIOS HAD TO BE EITHER SEILIEZ, ILLSAID OR LASSEN...
RAIN?
SORRY TO DISTURB YOU
..BUT ISHTAR, DARRES AND KING DUZELL ARE HERE!
LORD LASSEN!

YOUR CASTLE IS OVERRUN WITH THESE FOREIGN PESTS.
PLEASE...
...EXTER-MINATE THEM.
?!
ANY OLD WIFE WILL TELL YOU...
...NOT TO PUT ALL YOUR EGGS IN ONE BASKET.
HOW CONVENIENT

LASSEN!
ギィィィ…

GOODBYE, YUUJEL.
I'D RATHER START MY WAR WITH VORD'S DEATH AT RAZENIA'S HANDS.
BUT YOU'LL DO IN A PINCH.
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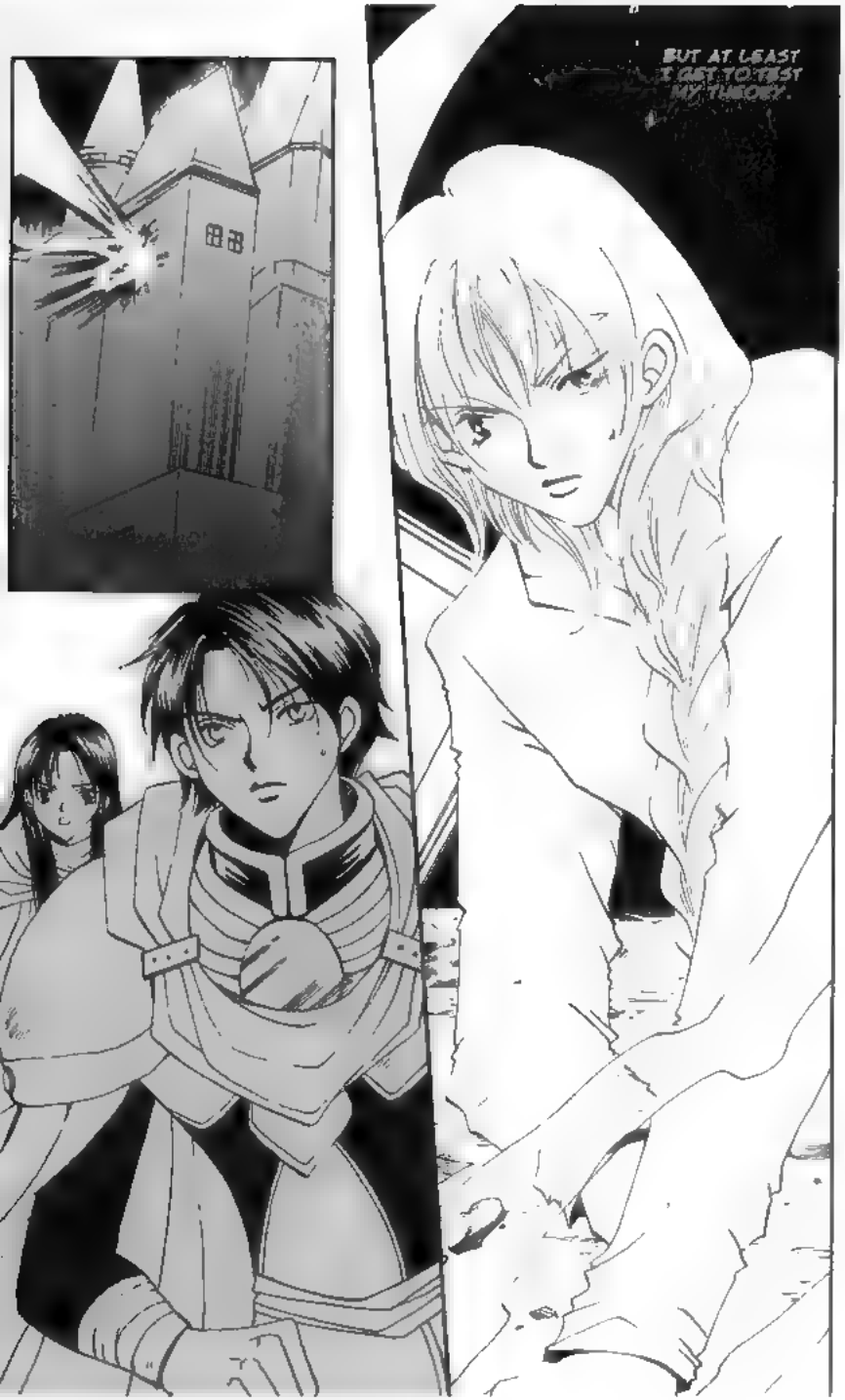
DID YOU HEAR THAT?
A DEATH DETONATION?

PARDON ME!
DARRES! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
C'MON! WAIT UP!
YOU JERK!


BUT AT LEAST I GET TO TEST MY THEORY.

I CAN'T SAY I WAS EXPECTED TO BE FUSSING WITH THE KING.
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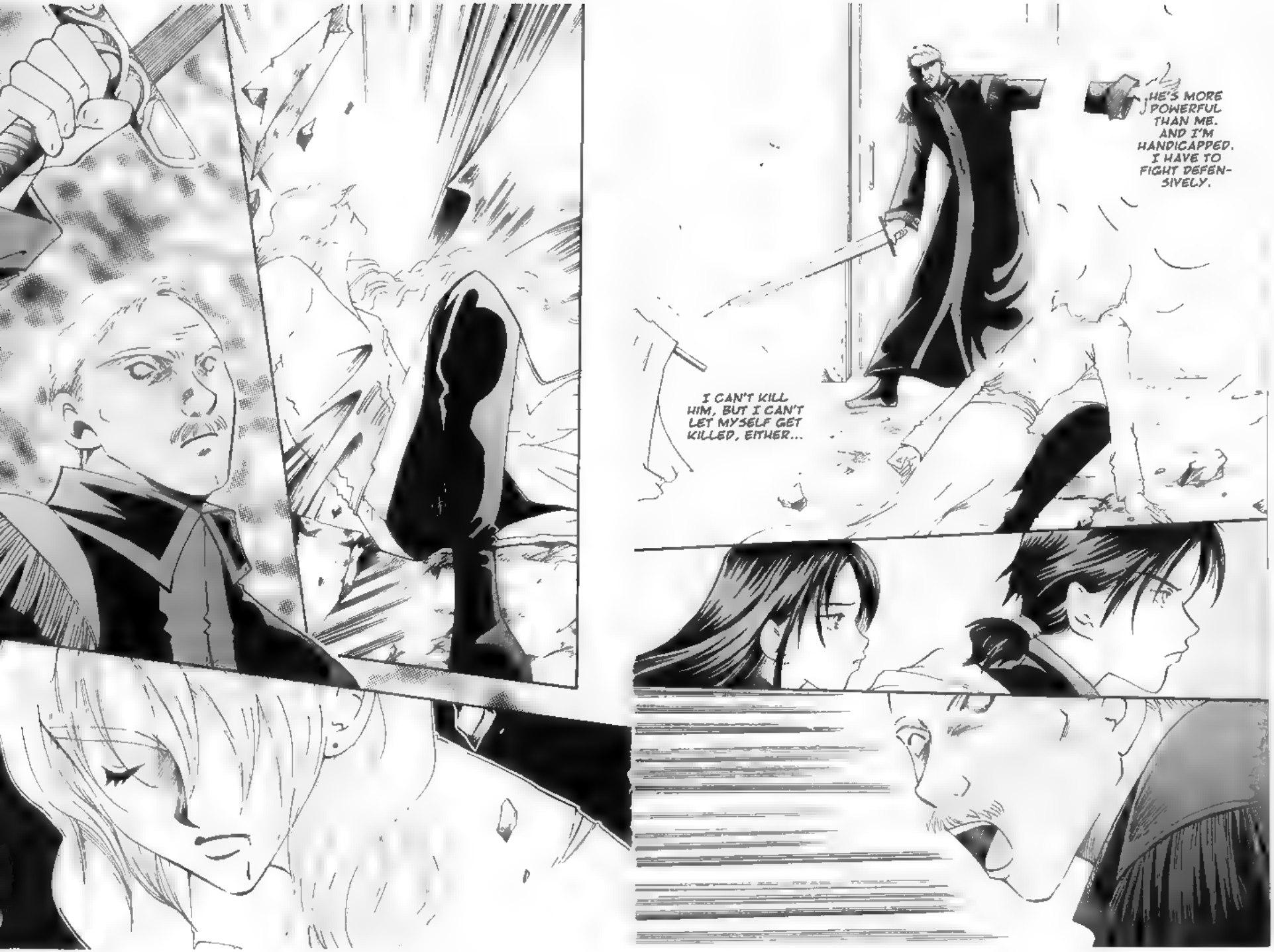
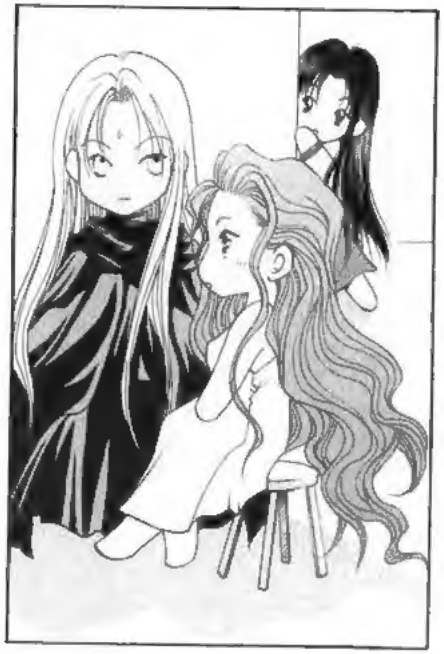

HE'S MORE POWERFUL THAN ME. AND I'M HANDICAPPED. I HAVE TO FIGHT DEFENSIVELY.
I CAN'T KILL HIM, BUT I CAN'T LET MYSELF GET KILLED, EITHER...

IF I...
...GET TO CHOOSE HOW I'M REBORN...
...I'D CHOOSE TO BE WITH THE BOTH OF YOU.



I HOPE TO
SEE YOU BOTH
AGAIN...

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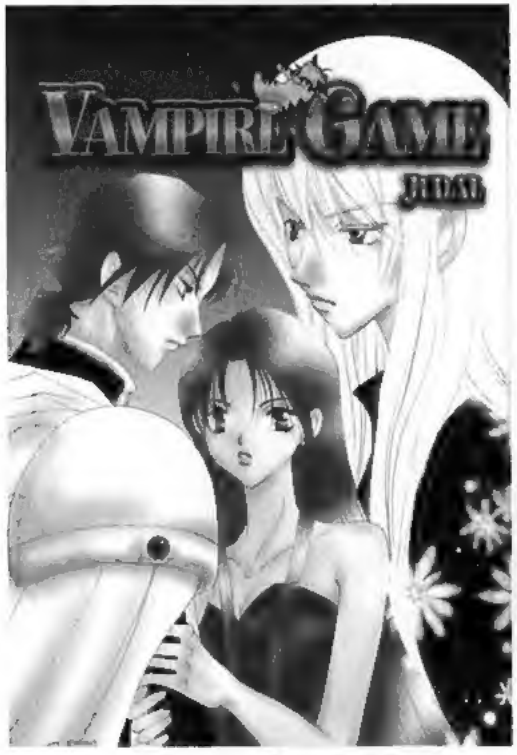

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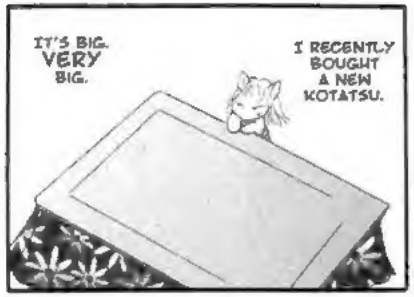

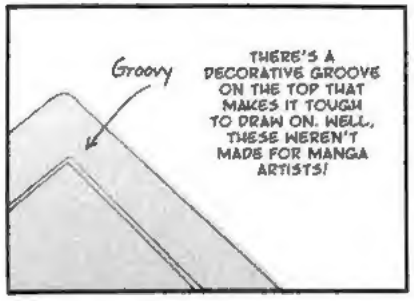

SO MAKE SURE TO READ IT, OKAY?
WE HAD MORE PAGES IN THIS VOLUME, SO THE POSTSCRIPT WAS SHORTER. BUT IT SHOULD BE BACK TO NORMAL NEXT VOLUME.

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